

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for the Official Action dated July 2, 2007. This amendment and request for reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

The examiner noted that the Information Disclosure Statement was not considered because the submitted prior art did not correlate with the applicant's invention. Accordingly, new Information Disclosure Statement has been submitted concurrently with this Amendment.

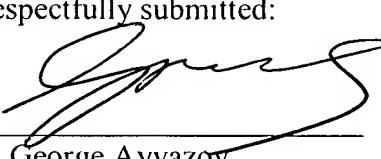
Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Futagi (USPN 5,787,675). Claims 1-7 have been canceled, thus rendering this rejection moot.

New claims 8-12 have been added. New claims 8-12 are directed to a hole making apparatus illustrated in Figs. 2-6 of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 8-12 define the invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe further discussion regarding the above claim language would expedite prosecution they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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